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Family Carnival & Open House

We hope to see you ALL at the FREE Carnival this Saturday.

Festivities include: DJ Jesse, Rides, Bounce Houses, Carnival Games, "Minute to Win It" Games, Face Paint, Arts & Crafts, Play Dough, Sports Games, Musical Sampling, Dramatic pieces, Art Competition, Cake Walks, Evolution Martial Arts Presentation, SnoCones (PTO fundraiser)



FREE Lunch: Served at noon, cheese pizza, turkey rolls and salad! Also be sure to stop by the Photo Booth for a picture magnet to take home.

We can always use more volunteers, sign up at this link:
<http://bocaprep.pleasebringit.com/public/G7mnnjq5lo>

Upcoming Important Dates, Mark your Calendars:

- February 4—Family Carnival & Open House
- February 9 - Valentine's Day Dance (Lower School)
- February 10—Parent's Night Out

Kindergarten

Kindergarten has been working on their new PYP unit, "To Infinity and Beyond...." We focused on the phases of the moon this week. The students have been singing songs and created the phases using Oreos. They are pictured having fun, but mostly eating their experiment!!! -Ms. Alison Opalka





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MYP: Health

Last week in health, students completed the smoothie challenge as part of their investigation into the importance of nutrition. All of the smoothies that were created were 300 calories or less and the Boca Prep administration and staff came for a taste test. Students were principled in the execution of this assignment as it involved organization and preparation. Working as part of a group allowed students to be communicators and caring.

- Mrs. Lesley Fisher



Left: Andreina Nett and Chloe Ramey.

Below: Penelope, Teresa, Mrs. Reyes, Mrs. Francese, Mrs. Venegas, Klaudia, Denisse.



Above: Clara Granados, Jia Russo, and Andres Gamboa serve up a variety of different smoothies that could be chosen from their menu.



Playground



Last week renovation of the playground began. Trees were pulled and the fence was placed to make the area much larger. Our goal is to have the new equipment up and ready for the children in the next few months. Check out Coach Vassi and Mr. Sagarese hard at work making the playground a more fun place for the students.



Happy Birthday!!!

- ◇ Willem Sagarese... 1/31
- ◇ Juan Guerrieri-Maril... 2/3
- ◇ Rafael Lapa... 2/4



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Dr. Fischler's visit

Dr. Fischler's visit that was mentioned in last week's newsletter has been rescheduled, he will be on campus Wednesday February 27, 2012.

Meet the Counselor at Boca Prep...

Good day! As I wander the halls saying hello and stopping for a more in depth chat with students, parents and staff alike, I realize that there are still many more I have not had the opportunity to meet. I would like to take the time now to formally introduce myself. I have the distinct pleasure to be called the "school counselor" here at Boca Prep. However, my duties also encompass that of guidance, liaison, consultant and the more direct "troubleshooter." Basically I am here to help all concerned and connected with Boca Prep to have a as less stress, academically pleasing and socially accepted time here as possible. I am often found in classrooms, on the field and wherever is needed. I try to be as accessible as possible.

I am a licensed mental health therapist in private practice in the greater community. I have been a special education teacher and administrator. I segued into counseling so that I might assist others on a broader scope. My areas of expertise have always revolved around children and the family unit within the academic base and as well as with situations that might arise from the home structure.

I run a court-ordered, state-mandated 4-hour parenting education program for those going through a divorce with minor children under the age of 18. I facilitate the PATCH program – Parents And Their Children's Happiness.

Have I mentioned that I love helping people?

I am thrilled to be back in a school environment. I don't think I could have found a better setting than Boca Prep. I look forward to continually chatting with those I know and to say hello to those I haven't yet met. Please feel free to contact me at any time for issues that might arise within the school confines, or for more private, confidential matters outside of this establishment. In addition, I will be running a column in this newsletter to address a variety of issues that students and families alike are currently facing. If you have any ideas, please feel free to contact me.

Have a smiling day,

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Boca Prep is happy to have Ms. Martin help serve our school and students in her Administrative role.



Science Fair

The 2012 Science Fair was a success!

Congratulations to the students in grades sixth through tenth who participated in the Science Fair. The projects produced were of a high quality and standard. Project topics ranged from how to make bubbles to how to mental imagery can affect athletic performance. The morning of the fair was very busy as students presented their projects to their peers, teachers, parents and the Lower School. The

afternoon was spent listening to a presentation by Sara Brenes and SharkSavers to learn about the importance of

sharks in our ecosystem. Overall, it was a very educational and informative day. Lastly, a special congratulation to our winners pictured to the left. -Ms Liz Hutton



Jeans for Teens

Sponsored by dosomething.org and Aeropostal. Quick Stats: 1 in 2 homeless people in the US are teens. When asked what a homeless ten most wanted, the #1 answer was "a pair of jeans". In 4 years, 1.5 million jeans have been collected. How can you help? Collect your gently worn jeans, any brand and style and drop them off in the jeans box located in the Boca Prep Admissions Office. The Russo family will pick up all of the jeans and drop them off at the collection location. The jeans collection will go until February 12th.

Parent's Night Out!

The Thespian's will babysit your children (with parental supervision) so you can enjoy a night without the kids.

When: Friday February 10, 2012 Time: 7pm-10pm

Cost: \$10 per child, \$12 for siblings

RSVP in advance by following this link to the form to fill out:

https://docs.google.com/a/iesmail.com/viewer?a=v&pid=explorer&chrome=true&srcid=0B7ckVMdgYKzrMjQIMWUyNGEtZGI0Mi00NjFjLTNmNjctN2Q0NDZlNjcxYWFh&hl=en_US